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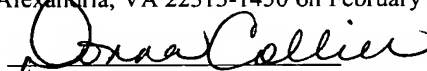
Applicants: KUMAR *et al.*

Application No.: HEREWITH

For: PROCESS FOR SELECTIVE PREPARATION OF Z-ISOMER OF  
CEFDITOREN AND PHARMACEUTICALLY ACCEPTABLE SALTS AND  
ESTERS THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination of the specification filed concurrently herewith, and prior to calculation of the fees therefor:

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 17, 18, 20, 21 and 37 as follows: